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FRANK BRUNO TO JOIN EASTENDERS

EXCLUSIVE

■ by MARK JEFFERIES
TELLY bosses are plotting a knockout storyline
to lure boxing legend Frank Bruno into
EastEnders. The former world
heavyweight champion has
admitted he would love to
be an Albert Square star.
And now BBC chiefs
have opened the door
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SERIOUSLY
football

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'I was hotel bomber'

AN Iraqi woman last night confessed to being a failed suicide bomber on television.

She said she was part of the al-Qaida attack on three hotels in Amman, Jordan, which killed 57 people.

Sajida Mubarak Atrous al-Rishawi, 35, was shown on Jordanian TV wearing a white head scarf, black gown and what appeared to be a bomb strapped around her waist.

It was not clear if it was the bomb she failed to detonate inside the Radisson SAS hotel on Wednesday.

She said: 'My husband wore (explosives-packed) belt and put one on me. He taught me how to use it, how to pull the (primer cord) and operate it.'

Al-Rishawi, from Ramadi, west of Baghdad, said she entered Jordan from Iraq with her husband and two other men.

She added: 'We rented a car and entered the hotel. My husband and I went inside and he went to one corner and I

went to another. There was a wedding at the hotel with children, women and men inside.'

'My husband detonated (his bomb) and I tried to explode my belt but it wouldn't. People fled running and I left running with them.'

Her husband, identified as Ali Hussein Ali al-Shamari, 35, provided at least two bombs.

The woman was interviewed by a man off-camera during the three-minute confession.

SPONGERS IN PARADISE



THE Queen led the nation in two minutes' silence in honour of the heroic war dead on Remembrance Sunday. More than 8,000 veterans made the annual pilgrimage to the pale stone Cenotaph on London's Whitehall.

Young and old alike, such as this family at Birmingham's Hall of Memory, also attended services across the UK yesterday.

Brit swindlers in Thai resort

BRITISH benefits cheats are living a life of luxury in Thailand and leaving hard-working taxpayers back home to foot the bill.

A Daily Star investigation has uncovered the outrageous scams by scrounging Brits in the notorious sex-for-sale resort of Pattaya.

The cost of living in the tropical paradise is rock bottom. But that hasn't stopped thousands of greedy ex-pats coming up with money-spinning swindles to pay for them to party.

We found Brits who set up bars in the city and have been sponging benefits while building up thriving businesses.

And some ex-pats are illegally pocketing index-linked British pensions by not telling the state they are living in Thailand.

Exposed

It falls outside the small list of countries where they can receive yearly incomes.

Pensioners soaking up the sun brag about getting £200 winter fuel allowances.

One legitimate businessman exposed the fraudsters adding to Britain's £1billion-a-year benefits 'black hole'.

He said: 'I've lived here for several years and listen with absolute horror to the many, many men who boast about receiving disability



Blair under siege

ONE in four Labour MPs wants to destroy Tony Blair by humiliating him in the Commons over plans to shake up health and education.

The bombshell comes days after the PM's defeat in a vote on whether police should be able to lock-up terror suspects for 90 days without charge.

Labour MP Alan Simpson said: 'I think there will be a lot of people who backed the Government who will not do so when it comes to a vote on Labour's core issues.'

Mr Blair, 52, has signalled that he wants to stay in power until at least 2008.

LOTTO DAILY PLAY
SATURDAY, NOV 12

SATURDAY LOTTO
NOVEMBER 12

12 13 25 30 45 47 42

Three tickets share the £5.4m jackpot

EXTRA: 15, 18, 22, 27, 32, 33 TBall: 15, 25, 27, 29 (Tb1 11)

No Extra winners. No TBall winner.

2 3 13 16 18 20 23

No ticket matched all 7 balls for the £30,000 jackpot

WEDNESDAY LOTTO
NOVEMBER 9

1 15 23 30 45 49 33

Three winners share £2.9 million jackpot.

Extra: 7, 12, 18, 27, 42, 44 TBall: 4, 12, 14, 18, 26 (Tb1 12)

No Extra winners of £2.4m jackpot. Two £250k Tball winners.

EURO MILLIONS

FRIDAY, NOV 11

15, 16, 36, 41, 42

Lucky Star

Numbers 3, 5

No UK winners of the £30.4m jackpot

Happy Birthday

Prince Charles – the future King – turns 57 today.



Thought for the day...

Mothers of teens know why some animals eat their young.

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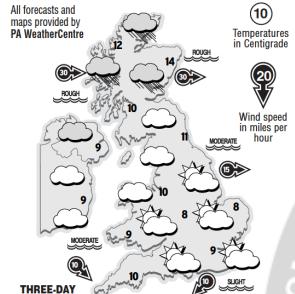
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INFO STATION

TODAY: Northern England and north-west Wales will have patchy rain. The rest of England and Wales will have a fine day after a cold start. Scotland and Northern Ireland will be blustery with rain, heaviest in north-west Scotland.

OUTLOOK: England and Wales will be cloudy tomorrow, with patchy rain clearing. Scotland will become cold, with scattered showers. Northern Ireland will have showers.

All forecasts and maps provided by PA WeatherCentre



SPECIAL REPORT

■ by IAIN BURCHELL

allowance, pensions or other benefits in Thailand, while the social security still believe them to be in the UK.

'Some have the cheek to be basking in year-round sunshine and receiving winter fuel payments – they think it's hilarious.'

The British Embassy in Bangkok admits there's a massive difference in the number of Brits who declare they are living permanently in Thailand and the hordes who have secretly set up home in its beach resorts.

About 10,500 British nationals are registered as resident, although the true total is thought to be nearer 35,000.

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THREE-DAY OUTLOOK



Tuesday Cloudy



Wednesday Showers



Thursday Fair



Friday Partly cloudy



Saturday Partly cloudy



Sunday Partly cloudy

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Sophie

SEXY Sophie has a hectic social life as part of her Page 3 lifestyle, but she loves to curl up quietly with a good book whenever she gets the chance.

The 21-year-old Southport babe's favourite reading is science fiction – well, she is out of this world! Our Magnificent Seven: Page 28



Picture: JEANY SAVAGE

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WACKO PUTS ON SLAPPO IN THE LADIES!

POP weirdo Michael Jackson was caught slapping on make-up in a ladies loo.

The star caused a security alert on a shopping trip when he told bodyguards he had to powder his nose.

Instead of going to the gents, he slipped into the wrong lav in the mall in Dubai.

Jacko, wearing an Arab headscarf, peeled back the cloth to reveal his famous face.

He started applying blusher as a woman at the next mirror screamed in horror.

Squeal

Another startled woman grabbed her mobile phone and started taking photographs of the singer, who relocated to nearby Bahrain after he was cleared of child sex charges.

Jacko, 47, let out a girly squeal himself and his minders burst in.

The woman, a teacher from Tunisia who is living in Dubai, tried to take the phone to police as evidence but was confronted by an entourage of Jackson's heavies. Shoppers gathered round as the woman began to shout abuse at frightened Jacko.

The guards then tried to wrestle the phone off the shocked woman.

Police were called to the Battuta Mall, popular with Brit tourists, as Jacko's security team was accused of being heavy-handed.

The singer was led



MAKE-OVER: Jacko was in the ladies' loo

EXCLUSIVE
■ by GARY NICKS

the phone so he could delete the snaps.

Under local laws, residents are not allowed to take unauthorised pictures to sell for profit.

Sgt Mehdi said: "The situation is sorted now."

Dubai police will not be taking any action against Jacko as they believe he made an innocent mistake.

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Rod's cool plan

ROCKER Rod Stewart froze his sperm "in case of problems", his fiancée Penny Lancaster has revealed.

The naturally pregnant model and photographer makes the revelation on 38-year-old Gordon Ramsay's Channel 4 show *The F Word*.

She said: "We didn't do it at a

hospital. We were at home privately, you know, intimately."

"And then I rushed down (to the doctors) in the Ferrari with my handbag and the little vial next to it."

Rod, 60, already has six children, but this will be his first with Penny, 34. See the interview this Thursday at 8pm.



HOT ROD: Stewart

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TV BATTLE



ACTING PLANS: Frank

Bruno set for Albert Square

From Page One for the nation's favourite boxer to make a sensational move to Walford.

They reckon signing up Bruno would deliver a massive blow to Coronation Street and Emmerdale. The 43-year-old still has many fans and would be a ratings winner.

Bruno, who has appeared in panto and had a cameo role in the film *The Calcium Kid*, revealed his desire to be a Queen Vic regular as he told how he is rebuilding his life after battling mental illness and drugs.

He said: "What I want is a part in EastEnders. I think it's something I could really do."

Soap insiders say Bruno could play a gentle giant character who could pack a punch.

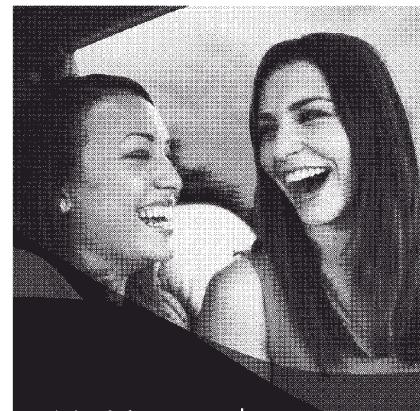
One possible role for him could be as a minder for the Mitchell brothers.

An EastEnders spokesman said: "Walford has seen its fair share of heavyweights over the years, so he'd probably fit right in."

It is two years since Bruno was sectioned under the Mental Health Act after he began sleeping in a boxing ring in his garden and believing he was jockey Frankie Dettori, 34.



TELLY AWARDS SPECIAL: See Page 6



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GETS X RATED

Big 2 in viewing figures bust-up

■ by PAUL MALLEY

THE ratings war between The X Factor and Strictly Come Dancing has turned ugly.

Both shows claimed victory in Saturday's battle for viewers.

BBC1 insiders were claiming the early-evening edition of the hit dance show scored most viewers for the first time, peaking at 9.7million, compared to 9.5million for The X Factor.

But ITV1 hit back, saying The X Factor was the Saturday night ratings champ again, with a massive peak of 10.5million watching its main show.

An ITV1 insider last night said: "Once again X Factor's peak ratings for the main show blew Strictly Come Dancing out of the water.

"Why our rivals are leaking wrong information, I don't know.

"Strictly Come Dancing started and finished earlier than our show. When it ended, we waltzed off with lots of their viewers."

Officially, BBC1 refused to comment on the row, saying it couldn't provide viewing figures for another channel. But a corporation insider said: "Strictly Come Dancing's earlier show pulled in 200,000 more viewers than The X Factor main show.

"We won. The viewing figures are our best so far. It's a great result."

Shocking

Not in dispute is the fact the BBC show – hosted by Bruce Forsyth, 77, and Tess Daly, 34 – has seen a ratings boom in recent weeks, thanks to sizzling performances by the likes of Zoë Ball, 34.

On average, 9.1million tuned in – 800,000 more than the previous week's best-ever peak. The X Factor did not average as many – 8.5million saw Chico Slimani, 34, Journey South and the rest perform. But it too was well up on the previous week.

The ITV1 show came out tops in the results programmes, with an average of 8.2million tuning in to see sexy Maria Lawson shockingly booted off.

Some 200,000 fewer watched the Beeb's vote show, in which snooker ace Dennis Taylor, 56, and his partner Izabela Hannah were voted off the floor.

Meanwhile, X Factor loser Maria was fuming yesterday after being elbowed from the show by "the Irish mafia".

At a press conference in London she blasted judge Louis Walsh, 53, for choosing the Conway Sisters over her: "because they are



Picture: SHARJO

HOT FAVE:
Bookies' choice Shayne Ward kisses Footballers' Wives star Zoë Lucker, left, while her co-star Sarah Barrand looks on



Bookies bashed

BOOKIES were hit hard when sexy Maria Lawson was knocked out of The X Factor on Saturday night.

William Hill had originally priced Maria, 30, left, as a 66-1 outsider for the chop.

Spokesman Rupert Adams said: "We made a mistake, 66-1 was completely the wrong price for Maria to leave the show, consequently we got completely hammered."

Shayne Ward, 21, is now Hills 6-5 hot favourite to win the show with Chico priced at 25-1.

There's also been lots of cash put on the show's winner grabbing the Christmas No 1.



LONG SHOT: Outsider Chico

■ by PAUL MALLEY

"Irish". Walsh cast the deciding vote after Cowell, 46, and Sharon Osbourne, 53, opted to save their own stars, The Conway Sisters and Maria respectively.

She said: "I guess that was quite shocking, but they are still there because they're Irish."

"The problem is Louis has a lot of history with them. He's almost obligated to protect them."

But the gorgeous Londoner has vowed to seduce Cowell into giving her a record deal, as she's sure he has the hots for her.

Maria, 30, said: "I know Simon fancies me. He was flirting with me, but he's very, very shy. I'm definitely going to give him a call about contracts."

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BUSH BABE: Jenny

Jungle Jen's all set to wed

■ by PETER DYKE
EX-Atomic Kitten babe Jenny Frost wants to be an I'm A Celebrity... Get Me Out Of Here! bride and finally get hitched to her very own Tarzan.

The 27-year-old singer has told pals she wants to tie the knot with boyfriend DJ Dominic Thrupp, 42, when the show is over.

The pair have been dating for more than four years.

Jenny jets off to Australia this week for the series.

High

A friend said: "This has been a year of ups and downs for Jenny and she wants to end it on a high."

"The Kittens split up and she dipped her toes in the water with a solo pop career but it didn't quite take off."

"She's been a very successful model but the truth is what she really wants to do is embark on a TV career."

"She is hoping people will see another side to her in the jungle and that she'll do well."

"Then she'll top it all off with her wedding to Dominic."

Meanwhile Jenny has been overdosing on shepherd's pie.

She won't get a taste of her favourite dish for a month once the show starts on Sunday.





Nicola Riley
Store Manager, Broughton Park.



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Grumpy duo grab top showbiz gongs

Mr NASTIES DO NICELY!



■ by MARK JEFFERIES

TELLY'S two angriest men were smiling last night after **Simon Cowell** and **Gordon Ramsay** picked up top showbiz awards.

Foul-mouthed Scottish chef **Ramsay**, 38, won Terrestrial TV Personality of the Year at the Variety Club's 53rd Annual Showbusiness awards.

And TV Mr Nasty **Cowell**, 46, got Showbusiness Personality of the Year title at London's Hilton hotel. Ramsay said: "I don't think either of us are nasty. Simon is just honest and straight to the point."

Comedy

The event, hosted by cd.uk presenter **Mylene Klass**, 27, and Big Brother 2 winner **Brian Dowling**, 27, was held in association with Daily Star publisher Express Newspapers and LIVINGtv.

The Daily Express Readers' Award for Most Popular Presenter went to the late Countdown star **Richard Whiteley**.

Co-star **Carol Vorderman**, 44, said: "He would have been delighted to have realised so many people loved him. It's just a shame he didn't realise it while he was still alive."

Other winners included recording artist of the year **Katie Melua**, 21, and **Catherine Tate**, 36, who picked up the comedy award.

Com drama **Hustle** won Outstanding Performance in a TV Drama and **Gail Porter**, 34, was named the Multichannel TV Personality of the Year.

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Picture: DAVE FISHER/REX FEATURES

TOP KLOSS:
Myleene
Klass looks
fantastic in gold.
Above left,
Gordon Ramsay
and wife Tana
below left, Simon
Cowell with his
old pal Sinita.



TRIBUTE: Whiteley
Outstanding
Stage
Performance of
the Year
**RICHARD
GRIFFITHS**
The Caron
Keating Young
Presenter of the
Year Award

REGGIE YATES
The Award for
Outstanding
Contribution to
Showbusiness
STEPHEN FRY
Outstanding
Performance in a
TV Drama

HUSTLE
Sir James
Carreras Award
For Outstanding
New Talent

JAMES LOMAS
Multichannel TV
Personality of the
Year

GAIL PORTER
The Daily Express
Readers' Award
for Most Popular
Presenter
**RICHARD
WHITELEY**

Sweet smell of success for England as our triumphant

Pictures: WAYNE STARR



BIG FAN: The Daily Star's Iain Burchell is sniffed by 17-year-old Joanne Fordyce who loved the David Beckham Instinct scent and said she'd be impressed by any fella wearing it

ENGLAND skipper David Beckham launches his own brand of aftershave in Britain today.

The hunky style icon's David Beckham Instinct is tipped to be a top-seller as men across the country try to get the Becks Effect.

Pharmacy chain Superdrug has won exclusive rights to sell it in the UK after months of legal wrangling.

So the Daily Star put the scent to the test to see if it really can help fellas score with the ladies.

Winner

And it looks like Becks, 30, could have netted another winner with women of all ages – although there were a few gals ready to put the boot in.

Receptionist Joanne Fordyce, 17, of Chingford, Essex, loved the fragrance's heady mix of grapefruit, mandarin leaf, cardamom and patchouli.

She said: "It's not too strong. A man could impress me by wearing this."

Financial exchange dealers Natasha Goodman, 31, and Rosa Nunez Delgado, 35, also gave Instinct the thumbs up.

Natasha, of Knockholt, Kent, said: "If a

■ by IAIN BURCHELL

guy was wearing it I wouldn't mind standing closer to him."

Rosa, of Notting Hill, west London, added: "It has a nice soft smell."

Bar worker Lita Esmeris, 49, was a fan, saying: "I'm going to get it for my partner."

Clerk Mary Barrand, 58, of Bexley Heath, Kent, said: "It is lovely and light."

But not everyone was impressed.

Daily Star Goss girls Amy Watts and Leigh Purves reckon Becks has had a stinker. Amy said: "It smells like my cat's wee."

Ashleigh Templeman, 18, of Loughton, Essex, said: "If Beckham smells like that he can stay in Madrid."

Stylist's assistant Jaycee De-Leon, 19, of Ealing, west London, added: "It's got no wow factor."

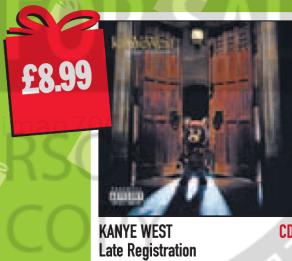
David Beckham Instinct costs £15 for a 30ml bottle and £30 for 70ml.

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THUMBS DOWN:
Goss girl Amy gets a whiff.
Inset: Jaycee De-Leon gives her verdict

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sporting heroes put in an historic four-star performance

IT'S SOFA SO GOOD

■ ENGLAND came to a standstill at the weekend for a series of great sporting displays.

Tens of millions of fans cheered on our footballers, cricketers and rugby players as we brushed aside all-comers in four sports.

■ We told on Saturday how fans were lining up 100 million pints of beer and £100 million was set for a giant flutter.

And yesterday landlords were toasting the nation's success and the bookies were crying into their tills.

■ England's cricketers blitzed

■ Pakistan, bowing them out cheaply and then piling on the runs to get in a strong position in the first Test.

On Saturday our rugby union team beat the Aussies 26-16, condemning them to a seventh consecutive defeat.

■ It all looked like coming unstuck as the football team trailed Argentina with four minutes to go. But Michael Owen sent the country into raptures with two goals to secure a 3-2 win.

■ And the rugby league lads of Great Britain joined in the party and breathed fresh life into their Tri-Nations campaign with their first win in the contest by hammering New Zealand 38-12.

Nearly 11 million people packed in pubs and lounges to watch the drama in the football. And Star man TOM SAVAGE spent the weekend watching every minute of the action.

Now read on ...



VICTORY: Tom and Ben drink to England's dramatic win over Argentina

4.00am: We said in Saturday's paper that 30 hours of top sporting action was set to thrill all true Englishmen. Well, the beer is in the fridge, the women in the house have been sent to far-flung corners of the world, there's a fry-up on the stove.

4.30am: Our Ashes heroes take to the field in Multan. Is it too early for Beer number one? Course not.

7.00am: It's 103-1 at lunch and I'm joined by my neighbour Ben for the day's fun.

7.30am: The paper boy delivers my Star Total beer count between the two of us is five. A slow start, like England.

10.10am: A fantastic first over after tea for England as Steve Harmison takes two wickets to leave Pakistan faltering at 183-5. The day is suddenly sparkling into life. Beers: eight. Breakfasts: three.

11.30am: Stumps on Day One. Pakistan battle back to 244-6. Beers: 12. Time for lunch.

2.30pm: Domino's Pizza answer our SOS, now our attention switches to Twickenham.

3.00pm: Ben Cohen crosses for our first try. We'll drink to that. Beers: 16. Pizzas: All finished. It's a tough job.

4.05pm: Final whistle. A fantastic victory by 26-16 and a £30 win at the bookies too. Beers: 22.

4.45pm: Kick-off in Geneva for England v Argentina. The pizza boy is surprised to be back so soon. Beers: 24. Pizzas: Three. Guts: Troubled.

5.30pm: Wayne Rooney equalises Hernan Crespo's opener. Brilliant. Was looking dodgy for a minute. Beers: 26.

6.15pm: England trail 2-1. The worst result, bringing back memories of Hands of God and all that. Beers: 28 as the nerves take hold.

6.30pm: The joy! Michael Owen

sticks Two Fingers of God up at the Argies. Brilliant. Beers: 30.

6.40pm: We turn over to the Rugby League. The day gets better. We need a whopping win to have any chance of staying in the Tri Nations though.

8.00pm: Score: 38-12. Beers: 38. Indian: Ordered. The GB lads complete the winning streak. What a fantastic day to be a leathered sports fan.

10.00pm: We keep ourselves occupied with the Germany-France football friendly. It's drab, 0-0. Not what we need. Beers: 42. Indian: Tasty. Feeling Tired.

12.00am: Maria Sharapova crashes out of the WTA Championships. At least she revived our flagging attention for a while. Beers: 44. Ben: Going better than me. My mates: Unsurprised.

4.00am: Four hours of repeated

action from the day fills the time but I may have had a nap.

4.30am: Cricketers back out. I hope they've had a healthier day since we last saw them than I have. Beers: Not many left.

5.30am: We clean up the Pakistan tail sharpish for 273 all out. Beers: 50 all out as well.

7.00am: Lunch. Or more accurately breakfast. Another pig goes in the frying pan.

10.45am: Stand-in captain Marcus Trescothick smashes the ball away to reach his century. A fantastic way to round off an amazing 30 hours.

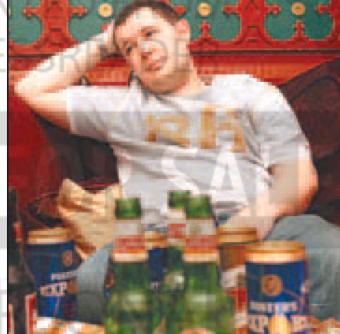
11.35am: Stumps. England surge to 253-3. But that completes our 32-hour marathon, although unlike Paula Radcliffe, neither Ben nor myself lost control of our bodily functions.

Beers: 50. Pizzas: Three. Takeaways: two. Hangover: Beginning. Breakfasts: five. Feeling: Elated but shattered.

All The Action: See Starsport



NICE TRY: The lads celebrate our rugby union triumph



FULL TIME: End of a long day for Tom



SCORER: Michael Owen

Patriots pound bookies

PATRIOTIC punters gave the bookies a battering as England and Great Britain clinched the amazing treble triumph on Saturday.

And with England's Ashes heroes looking good yesterday in the first Test against Pakistan, they face having to hand over even more.

Ladbrokes spokesman Robin Hutchinson said: "We've been given a bloody nose."

Cleaners

"The three games that ended on Saturday were 14-1 for a home-side clean sweep.

"Patriotic punters took us to the cleaners. We lost £2million through the day."

Some punters struck lucky backing England to win when they were 2-1 down against Argentina.

Betfair gave 169-1 with four minutes to go – then Michael Owen, 25, pounced.

Bookies also face a whopping £20m payout if Sven Goran Eriksson's team win the World Cup.

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Kate's fear over movie

KATE Moss is joining forces with celebrity friends to stop legendary designer Tom Ford revealing their secrets in a film about the fashion industry.

The 31-year-old supermodel is said to be concerned about an autobiographical screenplay being written by the former Gucci legend.

Ford, 43, dropped a tantalising hint recently that the work in progress was "about people that you and I could both know".

And sources close to the Texan, who has recently signed to revamp Estee Lauder, say characters in the script are based on famous faces.

The Croydon-born star, pictured above arriving in Barcelona yesterday, is apparently a key influence, as is designer **Stella McCartney**, 34, and 35-year-old drama queen **Naomi Campbell**.

Our impeccably turned-out spy told us: "The fashionable classes in Manhattan have been talking about nothing but Ford's script for weeks. News

reached Kate that the people in the story were thinly veiled versions of herself and her contemporaries so obviously she started to worry.

"She's said to have contacted Stella and Naomi to warn them and they're all hoping to sit down and read the script with Tom before it goes to the studio.

Check

"Kate has suggested they have a cocktail party to celebrate the completion... and obviously to check that there's nothing damaging in the material.

"It's a worry when anyone tries to turn real people into fictional char-

acters because you have to embellish and exaggerate and nobody who knows Tom wants that."

Ain't that the truth...

Tommy boy who turned Gucci into the most influential fashion house of the last two decades, is said to have held some amazing parties at his lavish homes.

The good-looking trendsetter owns a house in Chelsea, an apartment in Paris and a mansion in LA's Bel Air, all of which have hosted bashies which would apparently make a knees-up in ancient Rome look like an OAP tea dance.

And of course Tom, who was at the helm of the famous Italian empire for 14 years, witnessed most of the fashion world's stars backstage and in their most stressful moments.

Of course they don't want to see all that up on the big screen.

But don't you think it's only fair that the rest of us get to see?

The script will be winging its way to the executives at Hollywood's legendary MGM Studios as soon as it's finished so expect the sartorial stropfest next year.

Let's hope he uses Mossy's favourite novel as inspiration for the title. *The Beautiful And The Damn It!* has such a ring to it...



WARNING: Naomi and Stella. Above, Kate

No sisterly love for Lotte

CHARLOTTE Church has revealed her estranged step-sister made her life a misery. She said of Elisha, 22: "She made out we were best friends when we were young, but she was horrible to me." Elisha, was also there when Lotte, 19, starred at the Tsunami concert in Cardiff in January – cleaning the lavs. No wonder she wants to make up... **Charlotte's dream – Page 24**

SPOTTED

IN London: In Her Shoes stars **Toni Collette** and **Cameron Diaz** feeding each other sushi at Nobu on Park Lane. **Ricky Gervais** talking about the Tory leadership contest in The Groucho, sandwich at Marks and Spencer at Fulham Broadway. **Natalie Cassidy** signing an autograph in Brent Cross shopping centre.

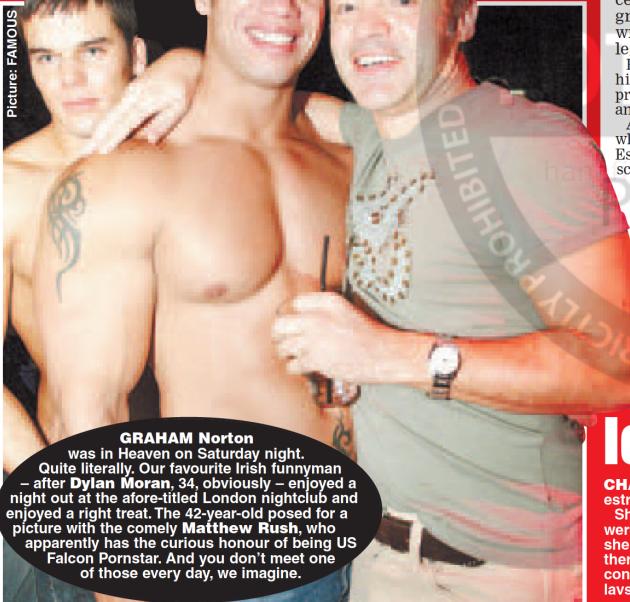
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Who loves ya Britney

OUR Stateside sources tell us that **Britney** has "got her s*** together" after a troublesome few weeks. The 23-year-old, who gave birth to her first child Sean Preston by husband **Kevin Federline**, 27, in September, looked in form as she shopped in Malibu. And if she wasn't having a Kodak moment as she juggled bags, it was a Kojak one as she sucked on a lollipop. If she starts solving crimes we'll love her more...



GRAHAM Norton

was in Heaven on Saturday night. Quite literally. Our favourite Irish funnyman – after **Dylan Moran**, 34, obviously – enjoyed a night out at the afore-tilted London nightclub and enjoyed a right treat. The 42-year-old posed for a picture with the comely **Matthew Rush**, who apparently has the curious honour of being US Falcon Pornstar. And you don't meet one of those every day, we imagine.

HAVE YOU GOT SOME JUICY GOSSIP FOR US?

HUSH HUSH

WHICH pin-up tried to get female pals to sell kiss and tell tales about him to draw attention away from his fling with a male dancer? This hunk told mates he's falling in love with the Brazilian-born toe tapper and is worried he's letting his guard down. Let's hope his boy returns the feelings.

Get a room, Jordan

OBVIOUSLY they didn't feed **Kate Price** and **Peter Andre** at the Rainbow Trust ball — they tucked into a tongue sandwich minutes after leaving. But Kate, 27, AKA Jordan, did look ravishing in a sequinned pink gown, so we can't blame husband Peter.

And it's heartening to see the 32-year-old pop flop making his marriage a hit at the Hilton Park Lane. We'd tell them to get a room but there'd only be a camera in it.



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Gem's an i-cone

HOLLYOAKS babe **Gemma Atkinson** has been spending too much time with rappers **Goldie Lookin' Chain**.

The 21-year-old starred in the video for their single R&B in return for a cameo from the collective on soap spin-off Hollyoaks Let Loose.

And on a night in Liverpool, Gem, who plays Lisa Hunter, let it all hang out and even managed some mischief with that old faithful, the traffic cone.

MANY people had consigned their marriage to dustbin, but **Jessica Simpson**, 25, and **Nick Lachey**, 32, have proved them wrong. Smiling Jess was flashing her ring after their cosy meal in L.A. What break-up?

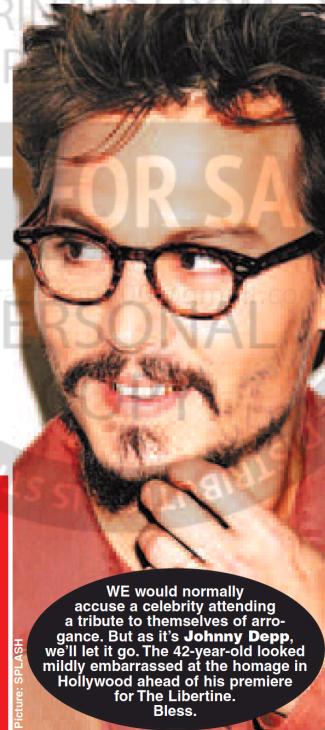
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WE would normally accuse a celebrity attending a tribute to themselves of arrogance. But as it's **Johnny Depp**, we'll let it go. The 42-year-old looked mildly embarrassed at the homage in Hollywood ahead of his premiere for *The Libertine*. Bless.

QUICKIE...

SCARLETT Johansson is apparently so desperate to get back together with **Jared Leto** she sent him lingerie.

The 21-year-old sent a purple bra from Victoria's Secret to the 32-year-old *Fight Club* studmuffin. Subtle.

QUICKIE...

LIZ Hurley has revealed that she turned down the chance to play **Marilyn Monroe** because she hates to see herself as a blonde.

The 40-year-old said: "I was offered the Norma Jeane role years ago but our looks are so different and I really don't like the idea of going that much lighter."

QUICKIE...

CHRISTINA Aguilera will sing at a New Year's ball on New York's Staten Island for charity — dressed up as the Statue of Liberty. The 24-year-old will sing for the Freedom Coalition, which helps homeless folk.

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DOCS' WARNING OVER AIDS CURE

Get more tests HIV man is told

A MAN who apparently cured himself of killer HIV has been urged to have more tests.

Doctors revealed Andrew Stimpson had appeared to have shaken off HIV 14 months after a positive result.

But they weren't able to confirm that he's been cured of the virus.

They now want to run more tests on him in a bid to help the world-wide battle against HIV and Aids.

But Chelsea and Westminster Healthcare NHS Trust said Mr Stimpson has so far declined to co-operate. A spokeswoman said: "I

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can confirm that he has a positive and a negative test. I can't confirm with you that he's shaken it off, that he's been cured.

"When we became aware of his HIV-negative result we offered him further tests to help us investigate and find an explanation.

"We urge him, for the sake of himself and the HIV community, to come in and get tested."

Last night, Mr Stimpson, 25, vowed to help others.

He said: "I know what I have to do. I realise that something extraordinary has happened to me.

"Maybe I hold the key to finding a

cure. It is a weird feeling to think that there is something in me which brings hope to millions of other people.

"I will do everything in my power to help with research into finding a cure. It is a huge responsibility."

Immune

Scot Mr Stimpson, of London, has been gay since he was 15.

He became infected when a condom split while he was sleeping with his HIV positive boyfriend, Juan Gomez, 44.

Mr Stimpson said: "One day I was staring death in the face and now I am waving it goodbye. My immune system managed to fight off HIV,

even though I was in regular contact with it. It's crazy."

Dr Andrew Kinghorn, an HIV specialist at the Royal Hallamshire Hospital in Sheffield, said: "If we can better understand what happened inside Andrew's body it could be a step towards a breakthrough in beating HIV."

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HOPE: Andrew Stimpson, who is now in the clear after testing HIV positive in 2002

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bill on holding suspects for 90 days. Legal experts fear "clearly prejudicial" information could lead to the collapse of two other terror cases.

Shami Chakrabarti, of human rights group Liberty, said: "The police, by playing politics and campaigning, might be undermining effective prosecution."

THE men charged with the failed July 21 terrorist attack could be freed after police leaked case details of the alleged bomb plot.

Lawyers say the men may not get a fair trial after Home Secretary Charles Clarke released the dossier, drawn up by Metropolitan Police Assistant Commissioner Andy Hayman.

Mr Clarke was trying to

drum up support for last week's defeated anti-terror

MIKE EDWARD



The most tuned-in telly critic of 'em all



Gene's horny

WHAT the hell has Kiss frontman and serial womaniser Gene Simmons, above, been teaching the kids on Channel 4's *Rock School* (Friday)? Sounds like they plan to follow more than just his musical example.

"At the moment I'm taking my horn exam," revealed Dudley the drummer. "And my organ's coming on well."



Shock in a frock

IN the latest advert for Mars Delight in the cafe waitress, above, goes to work in her best frock.

She's decided it would be fun to over-dress - because, as the voice-over tells us: "There's a million ways to make your day."

Trouble is, when you show up in the morning wearing your evening clobber and a big grin, it just looks like you've spent the last eight hours trying most of them out.



FAREWELL... Candice says ta ta to Street

CLULESS Candice set one hell of a precedent in the way she quit *Corrie* (ITV1).

Off to be hair stylist to Status Quo, huh?

Give her credit, that was the most impressive departure any of the Street's teens have managed since Kajagoogoo Kaj went out in an irreversible coma.

And it was almost as smart a career move. Her pals Sarah and Maria will be racking their brains now (assuming that's biologically feasible), trying to figure out how they, too, can land glamorous jobs with rock's crumbly elite.

Wiper of Sir Elton's backside, perhaps? Picker of Mick Jagger's nose? They can dream.

Meanwhile, girls, back in the real world, Mrs Gallstone is booked in for a shampoo and hip-replacement at 2.15...

Of course, Candice wasn't the only long-term Street resident who departed last week.

Two days later we lost Martin Platt, who decided after 20 years to up sticks and move to Liverpool

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WHAT A WAY TO QUO...

with Robyn, his girlfriend of four-and-a-half minutes.

God knows how Martin's colleagues at Weatherfield General will react when they realise he's left. Which, on my reckoning, should be sometime around next June.

I looked for one awful moment as if Martin and his son, David The Devil Child, were going to part on non-speaking terms.

David had the major hump about being left behind with the rest of his dysfunctional family.

But eventually the lad swallowed his pride and shuffled outside for a goodbye hug. "Take care of me

dad," he told Robyn, albeit in a rather ominous Mafia-like tone.

But what worries me most about Martin leaving is the effect it's already having on his ex-wife Gail.

For some reason, it's given the old trout a new lease of friskiness. And frankly, it's making me queasy.

Within hours of him going, she was telling Foot-Rub Phil he could stay the night.

Next morning, when Sarah remarked on her mum's good mood, Gail went appallingly gooey and replied: "Let's just say I got out of bed on the right side this morning."

Please, love, let's just not.

NOT TOO BARD

IWASN'T exactly cartwheeling with excitement at the prospect of *Much Ado About Nothing* (BBC1, Monday). But it turned out to be a real laugh, set in a regional TV newsroom and starring Billie Piper, right.

And why? Because David Nicholls, the writer who'd adapted it from the Bard's original, put proper jokes in it. Lines like: "You really do put the W in anchorman..."

Shakespeare's original was meant to be a comedy too but he accidentally left out all the funny stuff.

It's a feeling Ben Elton knows only too well.



IT'S X-RATED

THE X Factor judges should stay at home next weekend. Seriously. That way, they can switch on their tellies and appreciate how dire some of the acts sound to us at home.

The generous acoustics in the studio have done some of the contestants too many favours.

When Chico The Clown did his turn on Saturday, Simon and co really needed to be sat in front of a bog-standard TV with ordinary, tinny speakers. Ideally, tuned to BBC1.

IN *How Not To Decorate* (Five, Thursday), interior designers Colin "Punch Me" McAllister and Justin "No, Punch ME, I Deserve It More" Ryan were imposing their dubious tastes on Neil and Christine Hamilton's flat.

But the real shock came when Justin said he found battleaxe Christine "sexy". So sexy that he wanted to do to her what his makeover team had already done to her living room.

DOC MARTIN is rubbish. Not the actual series, back on ITV1 on Thursday night, but the GP himself.

To treat an old dear whose lack of fluids was sending her doolally, the doc requested rehydration salts.

What we actually saw him pour into her glass was Resolve Extra, a paracetamol-based painkiller. Hopelessly wrong, pal. I award myself a tennet for spotting the *Clanger Of The Week*.

EASTENDERS' Jane Collins has obviously sussed how to terrify the Mitchell bruvvus. When Phil threatened her boyfriend Ian The Weasel on Tuesday, she warned: "You take him on, you take ME on as well..."

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M-way cams every 400yds

POLICE want to line roads with a new network of cameras to spy on motorists.

Machines would be put up every 400 yards on motorways – and they are insisting on more in town centres, petrol stations and supermarkets.

The police want the cameras, which can

■ by JON DI PAOLO

read number plates, to crack down on car thieves and drivers who dodge paying insurance or road tax.

Meredith Hughes, head of roads policing at the Association of Chief Police Officers, wants lots of M-way cameras.

They will store details of every passing car for two years – even if the owner has not committed a crime.

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